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SUBJ: COMMITTEE OF 24: US VIRGIN ISLANDS

1. AS PLANNED, PETITIONERS FROM US VIRGIN ISLANDS
WERE HEARD IN SUBCOMMITTEE II OF COMMITTEE OF 24, MAY 16.

2. PRESIDENT OF "ORGANIZATION OF CONCERNED VIRGIN ISLANDERS,
INC." MRS. EDITH BRYAN, DISTRIBUTED STATEMENTS ON ORGANIZATION,
WHICH BEING POUCHED DEPT. DURING HER OWN STATEMENT, SHE
EXPRESSED DEEP AND ABIDING LOVE OF US, AND PRESENTED SEVEN
DEMANDS:

A) ORGANIZATION HOPES THAT UN WILL SEND VISITING MISSION TO
US VIRGIN ISLANDS, A POSITION WHICH SHE OBSERVED WASHINGTON
OPPOSED;

B) DUE TO INABILITY AND/OR UNWILLINGNESS US FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
REFUSES TO INSIST ON ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS FOR ALIENS ENTERING
US VIRGIN ISLANDS. ACCORDINGLY, US VIRGIN ISLANDS ARE UN-
WILLING INSTRUMENTS OF US AID BEING CHANNELLED TO OTHER
CARIBBEAN ISLANDERS. NEITHER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOR
LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS RESPONDING FAVORABLY TO ORGANI-
ZATION'S APPEAL;

C) FOREIGNERS WHO ARE CLASSIFIED AS TEMPORARY WORKERS IN
USVI ARE CAUSING SOCIAL UNREST. HESS PETROLEUM DISCRIMINATES
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IN ITS HIRING. ORGANIZATION OF CONCERNED VIRGIN

ISLANDERS WISHES FEDERAL FACT FINDING MISSION AND PHASING OUT OF BONDING SYSTEM;

D) ORGANIZATION WISHES THAT APPLICATION OF "ALIEN RE-UNIFICATION ACT" BE SUSPENDED FOR US VIRGIN ISLANDS FOR 5-YEAR PERIOD;

E) NATURALIZATION IS PROCEEDING WITHOUT REGARD TO SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES; 26 VIRGIN ISLANDERS DIED IN VIETNAM BUT PEOPLE ARE WITHOUT REPRESENTATION AND WITHOUT VOTE IN US CONGRESS;

F) CONTINENTAL US CAN ABSORB VIETNAMESE, CUBAN AND HUNGARIAN REFUGEES, BUT VIRGIN ISLANDS CANNOT ABSORB CARIBBEAN ALIENS, ESPECIALLY WITHOUT USVI CONSENT; AND,

G) GREAT NUMBER OF ALIENS WHO ARE BEING NATURALIZED THREATEN POLITICAL TAKEOVER, THEREBY VIOLATING PRESIDENT WILSON'S PROMISE TO KING FEDERICK OF DENMARK.

3. VICE PRESIDENT WATSON, OF SAME ORGANIZATION, CHARACTERIZED HER PRESENTATION AS USE OF UN FORUM TO SPEAK TO HER OWN COUNTRY. SHE DESCRIBED ALIENS COMING TO VIRGIN ISLANDS NOT AS IMMIGRANTS BUT AS CONTRACT LABORERS WHO HAVE STAYED ON AND BECOME CITIZENS. US MAINLAND SHOULD TAKE IN "BONDED DREAMERS WHO STAYED TOO LONG" AS IT IS TAKING IN ASIANS AND CUBANS.

4. CHAIRMAN KOUAME (IVORY COAST) THANKED PETITIONERS FOR THEIR "IMPORTANT DECLARATION" WHICH "DESERVES CLOSEST ATTENTION." HE OBSERVED THAT SUBCOMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE OF 24 ARE PREPARED TO MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO SECURE INCREASED COOPERATION OF USG TO GAIN OBJECTIVES OF PEOPLE OF US VIRGIN ISLANDS.

6. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS OF PETITIONERS NOR STATEMENTS MADE IN GENERAL DEBATE ON US VIRGIN ISLANDS.
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